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Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs Department

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NOTIFICATION

The National Food Security Act 2013 (NFSA) has been implemented in the State of Tripura since September 2015. Chapter X of the said Act provides 'Obligation of Local Authorities' which made such local authorities, includes panchayat, municipality, village council/committee or any other bodies, responsible for the proper implementation of the Act in their respective areas. Simultaneously, chapter VII of the said Act prescribes putting in place an internal grievance redressal mechanism which may include call centres, help lines, designation of nodal officers and such other mechanism as may be prescribed. In addition to utilization of the aforesaid institutional mechanism so established under the Act, the State Government has decided to continue constitution/re-constitution of **Sub Divisional Supply Advisory Committee** in each sub division of the State as usual.

2. The composition of the **Sub Divisional Supply Advisory Committee (SSAC)** shall, on revision, be as follows:

Sl. No.	Prescribed Qualification	Portfolio (Strength)
1	Local Member of State Legislature (MLA) preferably of the assembly constituency which shares major part of the sub division / Chairman of local Panchayet Samity / Chairperson of Urban Local Bodies (ULB) i.e. Municipality or Nagar Panchayet / Deputy Mayor or any Member of Mayor-in-Council of AMC etc.	Chairman (1)
2	Other local Member of State Legislature (MLA)/Member of TTAADC (MDC)/Chairman of BAC/Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of ULBs or VLBs i.e. Municipality/Nagar Panchayet/Panchayet Samity etc.	Vice Chairman (1)
3	Any person as stated in Sl. No. 2 above/Member of any local ULBs or VLCs (i.e. Municipality/Nagar Panchayet/Panchayet Samity etc)/Member of Zilla Parisad/Chairman of Sub-Zonal Committee etc / Local social activists/persons of eminence in public life/educationists/ senior citizens/women activists/retired officers/representatives of differently-abled persons/persons of eminence with knowledge and experience in food security, policy making, agriculture, civil supplies, nutrition, health or any allied field, law, human rights, management etc /Sub Divisional police Officer/Block Development Officers/CDPO.	Member (7)
4	Sub Divisional Magistrate of the Sub Division	Member (1)
5	Assistant Director/Sub Divisional Controller/Chief Inspector/Inspector of Food Department, as the case may be, who is in-charge of Food section of the respective sub division.	Member Secretary (1)

N.B: Condition applied as stated, inter alia, at Sl. No. 3 (iv) & (v) below.

3. Procedure to constitute the **Sub Divisional Supply Advisory Committee (SSAC) and other terms & conditions** shall be as follows:

(i) Every SSAC shall be not more than 11 members comprising Chairman/Vice Chairman/Member Secretary.

(ii) SDM of the respective sub division shall send proposal to the Director, FCS&CA in accordance with the composition as stated above. The administrative Department shall, in turn, issue necessary notification constituting the SSAC. In this regard, decision of the administrative Department shall be final and binding upon all concerned.

(iii) Every SSAC, so constituted, shall be valid upto such period as may be decided by the State Government or till it has not been made defunct due to any or obvious reasons which includes resignation of office bearers etc.

(iv) The proposal of SDM to constitute SSAC shall include maximum 4 (four) women members, if possible and not less than 2 (two) members each belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe whether Chairman, Vice Chairman or Member.

(v) Persons convicted in any criminal proceeding etc and F P Shop licensees shall not be proposed for inclusion in the SSAC.

(vi) Meeting of the Committee shall be held at least once in every quarter.

(vii) The function of the Committee shall be of advisory nature and portfolios are purely Honorary.

4. The Committee shall **advise** Sub-Divisional Authorities in all matters relating to:

(i) functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPS) in the Sub-Division;

(ii) distribution of foodgrains and essential commodities supplied from Fair Price Shops under Public Distribution System/Targeted Public Distribution System in the Sub-Division;

(iii) implementation of all schemes under NFS Act 2013 in the Sub-Division;

(iv) any other function as may be assigned from time to time by the Competent Authority / State Government;

5. The following powers of inspection under the provisions of Clause-23 of the Tripura Foodgrains (Distribution) Control Order,1972 *(issued under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act 1955)* in respect of the F.P. Shops located in the Sub-Division are delegated to the Sub-Divisional Supply Advisory Committee :

a) enter any premises used or believed to be used for sale, distribution or storage for sale or distribution of any foodgrains and inspect any such premises and any foodgrains therein or thereon;

b) require any person to make any statement or furnish any information or to produce any document or article in his possession or under his control relating to the purchase, sale, distribution or storage of any foodgrains and every person so required shall comply with such requisition;

c) require any person to render any account or to produce books, accounts or other documents relating to or believed to be relating to the purchase, sale, distribution or storage of any foodgrains and every person so required shall comply with such requisition;

d) take or cause to be taken extracts from or copies of any documents relating to the purchase, sale, distribution or storage of any foodgrains which is produced under clause (b) or clause (c) or otherwise found in any such premises;

e) test or cause to be tested the correctness of any weights or measures used or believed to be used in any transaction relating to the sale or distribution of any foodgrains;

f) take or cause to be taken the weight of all or any of the foodgrains found in such premises;

Provided that in entering upon and inspection any premises the person so authorized shall have due regard to the social and religious customs of the persons occupying the premises.

6. The Committee shall be assisted by the Sub-Divisional Level Officer of the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department posted in the concerned Sub-Division.

7. The SSACs already notified under previous/any guideline, as the case may be, shall be valid till those have not been made defunct due to any or obvious reasons.

8. This Notification is issued, *in supersession of all earlier notifications in this respect*, with approval of the Government in FCS&CA Department vide U.O. No. 166/Min/FCS&CA/18 dated 19.12.2018 and shall take immediate effect.

24/12/18

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Government of Tripura